excess payment in respect of any item or if there is a wrong payment we order recovery of the excess grant made. But in certain hard cases, we consider the position and order waiver of the recovery."

Pracharak Diploma Qualification for Hindi Pandits.

* 225 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Hindi Pandits who are mere holders of the Visharad degree of the Dakshina Bharath Hindi Prachar Sabha are required to obtain the Pracharak Diploma to make themselves fully qualified teachers; and

(*b*) if so, the need for such a step in the light of the answer to unstarred Legislative Council Question No. 3 given on 2nd December 1954?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A Hindi teacher should possess a qualification in Hindi a minimum general educational qualification and a training qualification. The Visharad Diploma of the Dakshina Bharat Hindi Prachar Sabha or its equivalent is only a qualification in Hindi while the Pracharak Diploma awarded by the Sabha is reckoned both as a Hindi qualification and as a training qualification. The answer to Question No. 3, dated 2nd December 1954 gives only equivalents of Hindi qualification and not the other qualifications."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Am I to understand, Sir, that the Government will be satisfied if a Hindi teacher possesses besides the Hindi qualification some training as higher grade or secondary grade or pandit's training? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. We have prescribed the qualifications. The candidates must possess both the ordinary qualification and the training qualification in Hindi."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, is there not a departmental order that any teacher's training qualification will do for the purpose of appointment as Hindi Pandit? I have already expressed my opinion in the House that this Pracharak diploma training is not a mere training but a combined general and training course, something like M.A. combined with training. Will the Government, therefore, start a separate training course for these pandits as they have got for other language pandits? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already said, Sir, that the Pracharak Diploma training not only enables the candidate to acquire a knowledge of Hindi but also serves as training for appointment as teacher. It contains both the things. The suggestion of the hon. Member that separate training courses should be started will however be considered."